

Sun Prairie Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2017, 6 p.m.

Audience: Sue Culbertson and Jerry O’Gara

President Misi Watters called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Kristie Tennie and Paula Austad were noted as absent.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Secretary – Betsy McCrary

Minutes from the October meeting were distributed to the Board. Stacy made a motion approve the October meeting minutes. Jason seconded the motion. All approved except Brenda who abstained

There were numerous email votes, as listed in the distributed minutes. One measure needs to be addressed, all other email votes passed. Stacy made a motion to affirm emails votes that passed. Jason seconded. All approved except Brenda who abstained.

- School skate updates: 6th & 7th grade skate last night. There were 36 skaters in attendance. Struggled to fill volunteer positions, especially on ice. Thanks to Brian Sullivan and Steven McCrary for filling in. The food for the food pantry from the 4th & 5th grade skate was graciously received.
- Try Hockey for Free: It was a record Try Hockey for Free event with over 100 kids sign up in advance, and 91 kids took the ice in the two sessions we offered. Each child received a free jersey and goodie bag. It was truly a collaborative effort, with coaches from every level, mini-mites through boys and girls varsity on the ice, along with players from both varsity teams as well as our bantams, and even a special guest goalie from the My Hockey Tournament who thought it was such a cool idea that he joined in the fun in full gear. We had a dedicated team of volunteers, which included two hockey grandmas, a hockey grandpa, and a hockey auntie pitching in to help dress kids. Our USA Hockey membership director, Kevin Erlenbach, from Colorado Springs was in the area and stopped in for the second session. He was wowed by the facility and the turnout. It was his first visit to our new rink. He was definitely left with the impression that Wisconsin does Try Hockey for Free right! Each participant received information on the Skating Academy classes as well as an opportunity to join a special learn to play program sponsored by SPYHA. We had 15 players enroll in the transition learn to play program, with one who just registered.
- Picture day(s) reminder – board level reps please remind team reps about this.

b. Treasurer – Nichole Jesberger

Nichole reviewed account balances.

Stacy made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. Betsy seconded it. All approved.

Betsy asked for a budget to date and concession report for the next board meeting.

c. President Elect – Brian Sullivan

Nothing.

d. Past President – Stacy Hollfelder

– SP Ice Update

The board met on Nov. 8. Work orders are available in Tony’s office and in the concession stand, as that’s where everyone goes when there is a problem. They can be turned in to the z-driver. Board may consider getting new toilets, as the existing ones clog easily. New Zamboni wrap for Bank of Sun Prairie is coming soon. Kiosk is waiting for download. There is a meeting with Matt Plummer to work on monitor install. Some are already installed. Trophy cases are up. Stick racks are in some locker

rooms off the Cardinal Rink. Some challenges have been noted with little sticks falling through. Waiting on plans for the stick racks on Tubbs.

Dave Batterman is going to propose dates for next joint meeting. Regarding the lift for banner – Tony is waiting to hear back from the lift company. SPYHA has approved money to rent the lift, so if we don't hear in a month, consider going ahead and paying for rental.

e. President – Misi Watters

Trophy cases were installed on Monday. Misi, Paula, and Chris helped put in the trophies. There is lots of positive comments and excitement about the trophy cases. A little strip of lighting fell down, so Betsy will contact the electrician.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Volunteer Committee – no one present, Nichole will get buy-out info to volunteer committee.
- b. Annual Fundraising Committee – Level reps should remind everyone that ticket stubs need to be in by Dec. 4. If they are not sold, families should put their own names on them, as they will be charged whether they sell them or not. Updated invoices are coming with DIBS/wreath credits.
- c. Communications Committee - nothing
- d. Cardinal Cup Committee – Last Bantam B tournament spot has been filled. First Cardinal Cup tournaments is in two weeks. There is no red level for the jamboree.
- e. Concession Stand Committee - Nothing
- f. ACE Director(s) – Jerry was hoping that things would calm down after evaluations, then JV situation impact was felt. First Breakouts and Beverages session had 21 coaches, phenomenal presentation by Mark Strobel, with coaches from mini-mite to varsity in attendance. Suzanne has a quote for intermediate nets, \$259 each/\$250 shipping as replacement intermediate goals. McFarland has these. Four would be requested, lead time is three to four weeks. One option would be to sell the old ones to at least recoup shipping. Nichole will look at historical prices and see what we can get for the old nets.
- g. Region 4 Meeting

Stacy Hollfelder attended the Nov. 16 meeting.

Invoices for Region 4 league fees should go out this month. Stress zero tolerance for parents. They are having first disciplinary hearing for parents this week. Rosters were due Nov. 15. Positions and numbers by the end of the year. Coaches and managers are being redlined if they do not have modules/SafeSport completed. Seeding meeting will be at MIA on Jan. 3. Stacy asked about league games. There is no longer a league championship. Apparently, you don't have to play your league games, but are encouraged to do so. They are redoing their bylaws/rules. SPYHA Board expressed concerns about what Region 4 is doing that doesn't match their rules, and it is causing significant issues for SPYHA. Scheduling meeting is supposedly going to change. With questions about how can Region 4 change leagues/roles/rules without notice/formal changes? Brian agreed to go to the Dec. 20 Region 4 meeting.

Stacy announced that SPYHA needs midget players. Stacy was asked to explain to Jerry Kennedy why SPYHA didn't sign up for midget state tournament. Brian has also has talked to Mike Connor, the WAHA high school level director, about the challenges WAHA created by moving to only a U18 midget state tournament (versus HS1/HS2 or U16 program)

AAU teams (like Mitey Badgers) are not part of USA Hockey. Any games against AAU opponents are not insured by USA Hockey, refs are not USA Hockey. Teams should ask for roster to make sure. We need to play only USA Hockey sanctioned teams.

4. LEVEL REP REPORTS

- a. Mini-Mite – Absent (Kristie Tennie)
- b. Mite – Paula Austad - Paula was approached by Waunakee when we registered for their Mite Jamboree, asked if we were interested in having them comp us half our tournament fee to use our cross ice boards. Misi and Nichole were not pursuing this. All agreed that the compensation offer was not worth the risk of damage. .
- c. Squirt - Carrie Rose - Nothing
- d. PeeWee – Chris LaRowe – Nothing not below
- e. Bantam – Brenda Egli – Do we have contact info for the Blaze tournament in Milwaukee? Betsy forwarded to Melissa Olson, the team rep.

- f. Midget – Suzanne Doody – Suzanne reported that midgets are 8-3-0. They have their first out of state tournament Dec. 1 at Notre Dame. Currently they have 10 skaters and a goalie on the roster currently, but have been approached by Dallas Formisano’s family about him playing. Dallas had been registered on time for midgets, but hadn’t participated at this point. As long as some payment is received, it should be fine to go ahead.
- g. Coaches’ rep. – Jason Ledford – Jason received feedback from some places on tournaments, and it seems a lot of tournaments booked up, so options were limited, and the comments have been made wondering why the board doesn’t pick tournaments. This has been a full circle discussion, because in the past there have been board criticism for picking tournaments. This is something to keep on the radar for early spring.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Evaluation Policy – revisiting in January/February
- b. New Year’s Eve (Volunteer Incentive Notification)
One and a half hours for each non-concession hour has been approved. Carrie made a motion to provide 30 hours of volunteer credit to chair the NYE event. Brian seconded. All approved. Misi will send an email blast about chair opportunity and then share the information about the extra incentive.
- c. Banner update
No firm updates on when a lift would be available, but SPYHA did budget money for the lift. There was some discussion on the virtues of waiting to see if use might be donated versus paying it and getting the banners, which have been ready for over a year, hung. Currently they are on the floor of the SPYHA office.
- d. Hockey “Unlimited” Event
Carrie is going to work with Paula on possible dates, and will start working on it.
- e. Share Nights
Nichole shared that Paula said Culver’s is booked for the year, but making additional contacts with other businesses.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Membership Changes (release and admittance requests)
None.
- b. Appointments (committee)
None.
- c. Dues Adjustments
Betsy reviewed information on dues calculation and options for consideration of refunds for players who are leaving SPYHA to join high school teams (JV or varsity), including applying the registration fee toward ice fees rather than adding the registration fee on top of ice fees.

Based on this information, Jason made a motion to refund monies paid less charges of \$130 for bantam players and \$165 for midget players. Suzanne seconded the motion. All approved.

Jason made a motion to reduce “late addition” midget dues for those who joined the team after high school tryouts by \$85 for the 2017-2018 season. Brian seconded the motion, and all approved.

The next question was potential adjustments of midget or other team dues for remaining players because the final number of players is less than projections, as well as what adjustments, if any, should be applied to peewees who moved up to bantams. It could mean as much as a \$4,000 subsidy for midgets, or \$100 for players who moved from peewee to bantam.

Jason made a motion to increase dues by \$100 for the two players who moved from peewees to bantams. There was no second.

Jason made a motion to increase midget dues by \$100 to reflect resources they are using. Chris seconded the motion. Carrie, Jason, and Chris voted yes. Betsy, Suzanne, Brenda, and Stacy voted no. Nichole and Brian abstained. Motion failed 3-4-2.

d. Region 4 Rep Volunteer Hours

Erik Lemke has been serving as the Region 4 Age Level Director (ALD), which requires a monthly meeting from August through April at MIA, plus scheduling meeting, seeding meeting, and working games playdown weekend. He asked for formal approval of 30 non-concession volunteer hours. Betsy made a motion to approve Erik Lemke for 30 non-concession volunteer hours for his role as Region 4 ALD. Jason seconded. All approved. Chris will communicate this news to Erik.

e. Volunteer hours exchange for services/goods

An opportunity to reduce costs for Cardinal Cup printing in exchange for volunteer hours was proposed. This opportunity to exchange volunteer hours for services and goods has proven challenging to apply consistently. After discussion, the board determined that this was not something they would like to entertain, because it is difficult to consistently apply.

f. Double rostering

Jerry O’Gara made the following recommendations, agreed to by parents and coaches

Bantam A

Evan Luxford

Bantam B

Adrien Kreitlow

PeeWee B

Isaac Wendler (primary Bantam B)
Connor Patterson (primary Bantam B)
Baxter Ledford (primary Squirt A)
Owen Barnet (primary Squirt A)
Easton Gross (primary Squirt B)
Jackson Plummer (primary Squirt B)
Easton Davenport (primary Squirt A)

Betsy made a motion to double rostering as proposed for Bantam A and Bantam B, with their first priority being their PeeWee A team. Jason seconded. Brenda opposed, all others approved. Motion passed.

Betsy make a motion to double roster PeeWee B players as indicated, with the first priority to their assigned primary roster team, limited to a total number of players on the bench for a specific game at 16, pending parent approval. Stacy seconded. Jason abstained, all others approved. Motion passed.

Midget

Dakota Ayers
Noah Wilk
Nolan Culbertson
Luke Thompson
Davis Hamilton

Brian made a motion to double roster the above players from Bantam A to midgets. Stacy seconded the motion.

Jason wondered if players who are double rostered can be attending practice. This was not something that was part of the motion, however, and after discussion, it was determined it would not be added. All approved the original motion as given. Motion passed. .

g. CARDS Closet Jeans Drive

Brenda made a motion to host a jeans' drive for CARDS closet, send an email blast, collect in SPYHA hoffice. Jason seconded. All approve.

h. Other Business

i) Alex Plummer was proposed as an additional Squirt B coach. Squirt B assistant coaches currently coach other teams as well, so John Handlen asked if Alex could be added. Betsy made a motion to appoint Alex Plumer as a Squirt B assistant coach provided he tracks his hours. Jason seconded. All approved.

ii) Intermediate goal replacement

Stacy made a motion to buy four intermediate nets not to exceed \$1500. Jason seconded. All approved.

i. Closed session - none

Motion to adjourn: Jason. Stacy seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.